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Top Stories

- The Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice have come to an agreement to divide antitrust regulation at Amazon.com Inc. and Google, according to three people familiar with the matter, with the FTC examining Amazon and the Justice Department taking on Google. Justice officials are reportedly moving toward a potential investigation into anti-competitive behavior at Google already, while the FTC's plans for examining Amazon are unclear. (The Washington Post)

- Facebook Inc. is in "very early" discussions with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission about the company's plans for a digital currency to see if it would fall under the regulator's supervision, according to Christopher Giancarlo, head of the agency. Facebook plans to tie its digital coin to a fiat currency, and the company is also meeting with central banks and other watchdogs. (Financial Times)

- D.C. Superior Court Judge Fern Saddler ruled that the District of Columbia's privacy lawsuit against Facebook will move forward despite the tech company's argument that the court should toss the case because none of the alleged misconduct happened in the city and that users had been informed that their data would be given to outside entities. District Attorney General Karl Racine filed a lawsuit against Facebook in December, arguing that the company's gave Cambridge University researcher Aleksandr Kogan access to data from 70 million Americans, 340,000 of them in the city, in violation of the city's consumer protection laws. (Bloomberg)

Chart Review

In Data-Driven World, Consumers Likely to Overestimate Their Information's Value
Morning Consult

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

06/03/2019

CircleCityCon

Apple's WWDC 2019

Fiber Broadband Association's Fiber Connect conference

New America's discussion with FCC Commissioners Mike O'Rielly and Jessica Rosenworcel on 5G deployment	12:00 pm

06/04/2019

Apple's WWDC 2019	
Fiber Broadband Association's Fiber Connect conference	
FTC Commissioner Rohit Chopra's fireside chat at TACD "Consumer Protection in the Digital Sphere" public forum	9:00 am
New America's panel discussion to launch its Data & Great Power Competition	9:30 am
House Oversight Committee's second hearing in its facial recognition series	10:00 am
Senate Banking Committee's hearing on threats from China	10:00 am
House Energy and Commerce Committee's hearing on the Stelar review	10:30 am
House Small Business Committee hearing on apprenticeships and training programs for the "skills" gap	11:30 am

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Apple's WWDC 2019	
Fiber Broadband Association's Fiber Connect conference	
IAB's NextGen Marketing conference	
Senate Commerce Committee's hearing on the television and video marketplace	10:00 am
Technology Policy Institute's event on C-band spectrum	12:00 pm
EPIC's panel on AI and human rights	1:00 pm
Senate Judiciary Committee's second hearing on the state of patent eligibility in the U.S.	2:30 pm
The Information's D.C. happy hour	6:00 pm
EPIC's Champions of Freedom Awards, including honorees Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Rep. Jan Schakowsky	6:30 pm

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Apple's WWDC 2019

FT Future of News	8:00 am
Bloomberg's "The Rise of 5G: Empowering the Next Enterprise Evolution" event	8:00 am
FCC's June Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am

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Apple's WWDC 2019

The Capitol Forum's conversation with former FCC Chairman and author Reed Hundt	12:15 pm

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Code Conference 2019

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General

The Big Challenge for Policy Makers: Policing American Tech Giants
Jacob M. Schlesinger, The Wall Street Journal

Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google don't fit neatly into old monopolistic formulas that would signal harm to consumers.

As China Takes Aim, Silicon Valley Braces for Pain
David Streitfeld and Don Clark, The New York Times

When Silicon Valley looks west to China, it sees many things. More than a billion hungry consumers. A cheap source of labor. A competitor, partner, supplier and security risk.

'Should these platforms exist at all?': One GOP senator's crusade to rein in - and rethink - big tech
Allan Smith, NBC News

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., has more than a little in common with Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., one of the body's most liberal members, when it comes to addressing the size and power of social media and tech giants. But Hawley also posed a more existential question about advertising-based tech companies during a recent interview with NBC News: "Should these platforms exist at all?"

A 'Bridge' to China, and Her Family's Business, in the Trump Cabinet
Michael Forsythe et al., The New York Times

Elaine Chao has boosted the profile of her family's shipping company, which benefits from industrial policies in China that are roiling the Trump administration.

China Is Creating A "Greater Bay Area" To Rival Silicon Valley. What Will It Mean for Hong Kong?
Eamon Barrett, Fortune

The world's longest open sea bridge starts in Hong Kong. It opened with little fanfare and a short ceremony last October.

Stocks Slide, Treasuries Rally on Trade-War Angst: Markets Wrap
Todd White, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures slipped alongside stocks in Europe as traders digested the latest salvos in the China-America trade war. Havens were in demand, with 10-

year Treasuries and gold advancing.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Google Gets Ready for Legal Fight as U.S. Mulls an Antitrust Probe
Keach Hagey et al., The Wall Street Journal

As Google cemented its powerful position in recent years, the tech giant's executives said they believed they were helping web users get information and letting publishers and advertisers connect more efficiently. Rivals saw a more sinister goal, and the question now is whether U.S. regulators will determine that the firm's efforts squelched competition.

Europe's record offers cautions for a U.S. battle with Google
Mark Scott, Politico

The U.S. Justice Department's potential antitrust investigation of Google has brought cheers from Silicon Valley's critics on both sides of the Atlantic - but European regulators' years of battling the search giant show how hard it would be to change the company's behavior.

Google has few political allies and a history of complaints, so an antitrust case may move quickly, experts say
Jennifer Elias, CNBC

News broke Friday that the U.S. Department of Justice is reportedly preparing an investigation into Alphabet's Google for antitrust violations. Since the news broke, many have compared the Google investigation to a years-long federal investigation into Microsoft two decades ago.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Why Net Neutrality Advocates Remain Optimistic
Sara Harrison, Wired

Worried about net neutrality? Call your senator.

To restore Internet access after a massive earthquake, the Peruvian government turned to balloons

Peter Holley, The Washington Post

One of the biggest challenges in the wake of any disaster is restoring communication networks. When Hurricane Harvey flooded Houston in 2017, the Cajun Navy relied on apps like Zello to coordinate large-scale rescue efforts.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Apple Plans End of iTunes, to Reveal Glimpses of Its Next Era of Apps and Devices
Mark Gurman, Bloomberg

Apple Inc.'s developer conference beginning Monday will move the company closer to a future in which the iPhone is no longer the central cog for other products and services. Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook and other leaders will make a keynote presentation at the Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, California, to unveil updates of Apple's operating systems and a new approach to apps.

Google outage affects YouTube, Google Cloud and G Suite
Ishita Chigilli Palli, Reuters

Alphabet Inc's Google is experiencing high levels of congestion in the eastern United States, affecting multiple services in Google Cloud, G Suite and YouTube, the company said on Sunday.

We Found the Guy Behind the Viral 'Drunk Pelosi' Video
Kevin Poulsen, The Daily Beast

The video that racked up millions of views and sparked a national conversation was uploaded by a sports blogger from the Bronx, currently on probation for domestic battery.

China Puts Internet on Lockdown Ahead of Tiananmen Anniversary
Shelly Banjo, Bloomberg

Chinese censors are putting the country's social media sites on lockdown ahead of the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen crackdown. Beijing employs some of the strictest internet controls in the world, rooting out content and blocking

websites it deems a threat to stability.

Facebook's Adam Mosseri fought hard against fake news - now he's leading Instagram
Salvador Rodriguez, CNBC

September 25, 2018, was a stress-filled day at Instagram. The prior evening, co-founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger had announced their sudden departures from the eight-year-old company, leaving employees stunned and uncertain about the future of the photo-sharing app.

What if Instagram Got Rid of Likes?
John Herrman, The New York Times

In late April, at F8, Facebook's annual event for developers, the company's head of Instagram, Adam Mosseri, announced some updates. Plenty of things would be added to the photo-sharing app: new ways to post Stories, new ways to buy stuff, an updated camera.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Assange won't face charges over role in devastating CIA leak
Natasha Bertrand, Politico

The Justice Department has decided not to charge Julian Assange for his role in exposing some of the CIA's most secret spying tools, according to a U.S. official and two other people familiar with the case. It's a move that has surprised national security experts and some former officials, given prosecutors' recent decision to aggressively go after the WikiLeaks founder on more controversial Espionage Act charges that some legal experts said would not hold up in court.

Ruppersberger: NSA has no evidence EternalBlue was in Baltimore attack
Shannon Vavra, CyberScoop

Senior National Security Agency officials have no evidence a tool developed by the NSA "played a role" in the ransomware attack on Baltimore, Rep. Dutch Ruppersperger said Friday following a briefing at the agency's headquarters.

'All we know is MONEY!': US cities struggle to fight hackers
Sam Levin, The Guardian

Baltimore this month joined Atlanta, San Diego and Newark in the list of US cities hit by ransomware attacks as the cyber intrusions are expected to continue.

Russia requires Tinder to provide data on its users
The Associated Press

Russia's communications regulator says that Tinder is now required to provide user data to Russian intelligence agencies. The Russian Communications Oversight Agency published a new list of online services operating in Russia that are required to provide user data on demand to Russian authorities, including the FSB security agency.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Fool Me Once ... You Can't Get Fooled Again
Jeffrey Westling, Morning Consult

Despite public pressures, Facebook decided not to remove an altered video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that makes her appear drunk at a public event. In the wake of this incident, many have begun to ring the alarm bells, warning that this may just be the preview of what is to come with the development of new technologies for manipulating videos.

iPhone Privacy is Broken...and Apps Are to Blame
Joanna Stern, The Wall Street Journal

Don't be too confident in those privacy controls. Our test of 80 apps in Apple's App Store reveals most apps are tracking you in ways you cannot avoid

Google Should Be Afraid. Very Afraid.
Shira Ovide, Bloomberg

A new round of antitrust questions can't go well for the company. The culture has turned against tech since Google skated free in 2013.

Why Facebook Can't Have It Both Ways
Jessica E. Lessin, The Information

Facebook remained in Nancy Pelosi purgatory this week, as the Speaker of the House slammed Facebook for refusing to remove the doctored video that made her look drunk. Facebook held its ground.

Research Reports

Research And Development Priorities For American Leadership In Wireless Communications

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

In your October 25, 2018 Presidential Memorandum on Developing a Sustainable Spectrum Strategy for America's Future, you directed The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy with providing recommendations for prioritizing R&D to advance radio frequency spectrum access and efficiency. The attached report is a product of interagency collaboration, led by the National Science and Technology Council's Wireless Spectrum R&D Interagency Working Group (WSRD), and highlights key priorities for spectrum R&D going forward.

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